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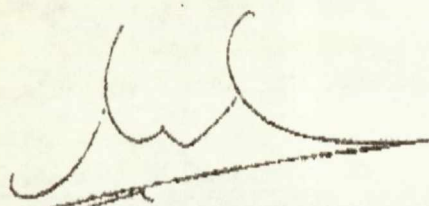
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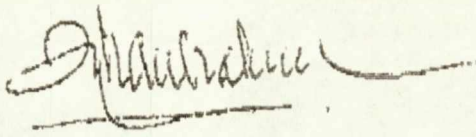
To
Secretary of the 50th session
of the Commission on Human Rights

It is our joint understanding that the Secretary-General of the United Nations will fulfill the request addressed to him in paragraph 8 of the attached Statement made by the Chairman of the Commission on Human Rights by submitting a written report to the Commission at its next session. Furthermore the statement should be included verbatim in the report of the 50th session of the Commission.

Geneva, 4 March 1994



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On behalf of the European Union



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50th session of the Commission on
Human Rights

The European Union continues to monitor the human rights situation in East Timor, about which it remains concerned. Since the Commission's last session, the Indonesian Government has undertaken a number of encouraging steps particularly by inviting the personal envoy and the representative of the Secretary General and by extending recently an invitation to the Special Rapporteur on summary and arbitrary executions. The European Union calls on the Indonesian authorities to fully comply with all previous decisions of the Commission. The European Union hopes that better access will be granted to humanitarian and human rights NGOs as well as to international media.

The European Union acknowledges the fact that some members of the Security forces, responsible for the violent incident in Dili on the 12 November 1991 have been sentenced, but urges that those responsible be duly prosecuted, tried and punished. The European Union also expresses its concern at the continuing lack of information concerning the number of people killed on 12 November 1991 and about the persons still unaccounted for, and though acknowledging the efforts that have been taken by the Indonesian Government to account for these persons, urges it to account fully for those still missing since 12 November 1991.

The European Union fully endorses the Secretary General's efforts to achieve a just, comprehensive and internationally acceptable settlement of the East Timor question with full respect for legitimate interests and aspirations of the East Timorese, in conformity with the principles embodied in the Charter of United Nations. It continues to support the dialogue between Portugal and Indonesia under the aegis of the Secretary General of the United Nations.

The European Union followed with concern the trial of the imprisoned East Timorese leader, Xanana Gusmão, as regards its impartiality and objectivity.